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UPDATE

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CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

MAKE KIDNAPPPING ARREST

On 03/02/05 Connecticut State Police received a complaint from the victim's mother reporting that her son JASON ARGERSINGER was missing. ARGERSINGER had been visiting with friends and failed to return home on Monday 02/28/05. The complainant further stated that New York State Police had contacted her about personal property of her sons that had been located in New York State.

On 03/01/05 Chicopee Mass. Police responded to a car fire and found JASON ARGERSINGER'S 1997 Audi engulfed in flames.

During this investigation Connecticut State Police Major Crime Detectives interviewed numerous witnesses. Connecticut State Police Detectives working with Chicopee Police and New York State Police developed several leads and information in the Connecticut missing person case.

On 03/09/05 Connecticut State Police Detectives submitted to Superior Court GA # 9 in Middletown two arrest warrant applications for the arrest of the two accused in this case. The warrants were issued on 03/09/05 and both accused were taken into custody. The accused were transported to Troop-F Westbrook were they were processed and held on bond to be arraigned in Superior Court GA #9 Middletown on Thursday 03/10/05.ACCUSED#1: CONNELLY, Eric DOB:03/07/83 82 Wig Hill Road Chester, Connecticut CHARGE: Aiding in the Commission of Kidnapping 1st 53a-8/53a-92 The accused is being held on one million Dollar bond. ACCUSED#2 GLADDING, Noah DOB: 06/30/80 19 Hoop Pole Hill Rd.Chester, Connecticut CHARGE; Kidnapping 1st 53a-92 The accused is being Held on one million dollar bond.

This investigation has continued. The <u>Connecticut State Police continue to assist and work with New York State Police in this investigation</u>.

Today 06/10/05 Connecticut State Police arrested an additional accused in this case. Connecticut State Police Detectives traced the weapon that was used in this crime. Detectives determined that the weapon had been purchased by the accused HOWENSTEIN on the street in New Haven. The accused then provided the weapon to one of the other accused in this case. An arrest warrant was prepared and submitted to Superior Court GA#9 in Middletown. The court issued an arrested warrant. The accused was placed under arrest today at Troop-F Westbrook. He was processed and held on \$75,000 bond. The accused was transported today 06/10/05 to be presented at GA#9 Middletown.

ACCUSED: HOWENSTINE, Josiah DOB:12/23/79 106 Parker Hill Rd. Killingworth, Ct

CHARGES: Illegal Sale, Delivery, Transport of a Pistol, Carrying a pistol without a permit, Altering Identification Marks of a Firearm.

CASE REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION

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